

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 957

By Odom

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Nashville Symphony upon its recent receipt of three Grammy Awards.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those noteworthy musicians who, through their extraordinary talents, have earned the universal respect of their peers and fans alike; and

WHEREAS, the Nashville Symphony, which is comprised of a number of such skilled musicians, recently won three Grammy Awards at the 50th Annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles on February 10, 2008; and

WHEREAS, led by Music Advisor Leonard Slatkin, the Nashville Symphony captured the awards for Best Classical Album and Best Orchestral Performance for its album *Made in America*, while the recording also garnered composer Joan Tower the Best Classical Contemporary Composition Grammy; and

WHEREAS, known for its commitment to American music, the Nashville Symphony released the album on May 29, 2007, on the Naxos: American Classics label, and in addition to the world premiere of Ms. Tower's *Made in America*, the album also features her works *Tambor* and *Concerto for Orchestra*; and

WHEREAS, this acclaimed album is the result of the sterling efforts of producer Tim Handley and of the backing of the project Ford Made in America, which was supported by the League of American Orchestras, the Ford Motor Company Fund, and Meet the Composer; and

WHEREAS, although the Nashville Symphony's tradition of excellence includes four previous Grammy nominations, these awards mark the symphony's first Grammy wins; and

WHEREAS, the Nashville Symphony is one of the most active recording symphony orchestras in the country; it has received widespread recognition for its eleven recordings on Naxos, the world's leading classical label, and one on the Decca label; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Nashville Symphony is a source of great pride for the good people of Tennessee; this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the musicians of the symphony for their dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Music Advisor Leonard Slatkin and the members of the Nashville Symphony upon their receipt of three Grammy Awards and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.